

*St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin*

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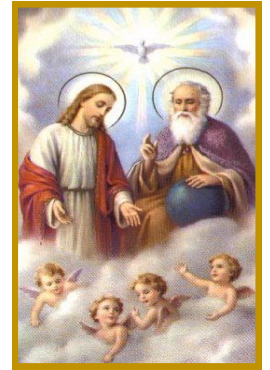
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**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Slyney - 4754 1052. **Emergency:** 0418 461 316  
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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 9.45 am  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesdays - Fridays 9.30 am  
**Rosary & Devotions:** No Devotions until further notice  
**Adoration, Rosary & Chaplet:** No Adoration or Devotions until further notice  
**Intercession & Adoration:** None until further notice  
**Baptisms:** No Baptisms until further notice  
**Reconciliation:** By appointment  
**Weddings:** By appointment - restricted numbers  
**Funerals:** By appointment - restricted numbers



**“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” [John 3:16](#)**

The Trinity! The inner life of God! The Greatest Mystery of our Faith!

We all are used to the idea that there is one God. And we fully accept that this one God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On the surface, this seems like a contradiction. How can God be one and three at the same time? It's a mystery that is worth penetrating and contemplating.

First, we need to understand that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three divine Persons. Each one distinct from the other. Each Person has a perfect intellect and free will. Each one is capable of knowing and loving to a perfect degree.

But it is this “perfection” of their ability to know and love that makes them one. They each share in the one divine nature and, within that divine nature, are perfectly united. This means that each one knows and loves the other perfectly. And that knowledge (an act of their perfect intellect) and love (an act of their perfect will) brings about a unity so profound and deep that they live and act as one God.

What's also inspiring to know and understand is that the unity they share by their mutual knowledge and love also offers each one of them perfect fulfillment as a Person. This shows that “personhood” is fulfilled by unity. What a wonderful lesson this is for each of us.

We are not God, but we are made in God's image and likeness. Therefore, we find fulfillment in the same way that God does. Specifically, we find fulfillment in life by our love of others and our freewill choice to enter into a knowledge of each person, forming a communion with them. This will take on different forms depending upon our relationships. Of course, husband and wife are called to share in the deepest unity in imitation of the life of God. But all relationships are called to share in God's life in their own unique way.

Reflect, today, as we celebrate this Trinity Sunday, on the relationships to which God has called you. How completely do you imitate the love of the Trinity in your relationships? Certainly we will all find areas in which to grow. Make a commitment to take another step deeper and, in that step of love, allow God to give you a greater fulfillment as a result.

***Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help me to know You and to love You. Help me to discover the love You share within Your own divine life. In that discovery, help me to also love others with Your heart. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.***

**Today's Readings:** Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

**Next Week:** Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



### Recently Deceased:

**Sick:** Kate Moore, Eva Fitzgerald, Pamela Pereira, Nicholas Zdon, Melissa Baxter, Mary Ellen Schell, Sue Downes, Joan Eastwood, Gwen Daly, Kerry Aitken, Anthony O'Connell, Wal & Anne Knoke, Angela Brown, Lea Dardenne, Matthew Christie, Nathan Duffy, Francisco Robles, Teresita Robles, Susie Ziino, Patricia Duffy, Sarah Walke, Jackie Davies, Kimberly Cusack, Carole & Brian Proops, Margaret Healy, Colleen Lusty, Lorna Lyons, Christopher Coombs, Lucinda Goodwin, Angela Coombs, Leila Baker, Mary Coombs, Slawcia Pisarska, Luca Hurley (Child), Joan Lohrey, Sarah & Thomas McGoram, Frances Hinder, Shirley Anderson, Peter Doherty, Val Hardy, Carmel Chetcuti, Liz Miles, Emile Amine, Taunu Gaitau, Janice Glassington, Helen Meville, Susan Solomon, Thomas Glavas,

and all Private Intentions.

*Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*



**When you can't make it to Mass and are stuck at home, send your guardian angel to church to intercede for you!**

*O HOLY ANGEL at my side, go to Church for me,  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass, where I desire to be.*

*At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own,  
And place it as a sacrifice upon the Altar Throne.*

*At Holy Consecration's bell, adore with Seraph's love,  
My Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from Heaven above.*

*Then pray for those I dearly love, and those who cause me grief,  
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts, and suff'ring souls relieve.*

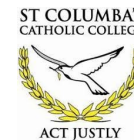
*And when the priest Communion takes, oh, bring my Lord to me,  
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine, and I His temple be.*

*Pray that this Sacrifice Divine, may mankind's sins efface;  
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home, the pledge of every grace. Amen*

### Schools in our Parish



**St Thomas Aquinas Primary School**  
Principal - Miss Marina Hardy 4723 3800



**St Columba's Catholic College**  
Principal - Mr Paul Ryan 4754 1022

### COVID-19 Update

On 30 May 2020, NSW Health issued a safety plan for places of worship and subsequently, updated guidelines for attending public Mass and other religious services. Parishes are required to record the contact details of all people attending any form of public worship.

A Maximum number of 50 people can attend Mass as well as 1 Acolyte and 1 Reader. As we cannot fully accommodate everyone who would want to attend Mass the dispensation from Sunday obligation still obtains.

You will still be required to book in for Mass, especially on a weekend. Please contact the Parish office from Tuesday to Friday, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm to book. NO exceptions will be allowed. Please do not turn up unannounced because we are unable to allow more than 50 people to attend.

If you have booked and wake up feeling unwell on the day, PLEASE DO NOT attend the Mass.

As a reminder, live streamed Masses are available on our website [www.stachurchspringwood.org.au](http://www.stachurchspringwood.org.au) along with [www.lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au](http://www.lawsoncatholicchurch.org.au) Mass times as follows for Springwood and Lawson Parishes:



**SPRINGWOOD:** Tuesday 9.30 am, Wednesday 9.30 am, Thursday 9.30 am, Friday 9.30 am  
Saturday 9.30 am (from 13 June 2020) and 5.00 pm Vigil (NO 6.00pm Mass)  
Sunday 8.00am and 9.45am (from Sunday 14 June 2020)

**LAWSON:** Tuesday 5.00 pm, Wednesday 5.00 pm, Thursday 9.00 am  
Saturday 5.00 pm and 6.00pm  
Sunday 8.00 am and 9.00 am

